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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN EILBERG, DATED JUNE 11 AND ADDRESSED TO JOE PRESEL, SAYING THAT CONGRESSMAN BURTON TOLD EILBERG THAT JOE "COULD ARRANGE TO HAVE THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE MAILED OR DELIVERED IN SOME WAY." JOE IN FACT MADE NO SUCH UNDERTAKING TO BURTON. THE ENCLOSURE, AN OFFICIAL, FRANKED "CONGRESS OF THE U.S." ENVELOPE, IS ADDRESSED TO MR. LEV GENDIN, MALISHEVA 19, MOSCOW, AND IS SEALED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE SOV'S CALLING EILBERG'S STAFF (PERHPAS SKIP ENDRES) TO (A) FIND OUT WHAT IS IN THE LETTER TO GENDIN, (B) INDICATE WE CANNOT AS A RULE UNDERTAKE TO DELIVER LETTERS UNLESS THEY DEAL WITH CONSULAR MATTERS AND CANNOT REASONABLY BE HANDLED IN NORMAL CHANNELS, (C) SAY WE MIGHT MAKE AN EXCEPTION, DEPENDING UPON THE CONTENTS AND URGENCY OF THE LETTER.

2. RE PARA 5, STATE 173538 ON KUBASOV (MOSCOW 10234) CONSULAR SECTION WAS CONTACTED BY V.V. VOLKOV, OUR REGULAR WORKING LEVEL MFA CONSULAR ADMIN CONTACT, WHO EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT KUBASOV OMISSION, AND BY A.N. STEPUNIN, SECRETARY GENERAL, US/USSR FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY, WHO CLAIMED NO KNOWLEDGE OF OUR STATEMENT, THAT KUBASOV IS "UNABLE" TO JOIN DELEGATION. WE HOPE YOU CAN GET FAVORABLE DECISION ON HIM WHICH WOULD NIP IN THE BUD A SURE PUBLIC RELATIONS FIASCO.

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3. RE PARA 4, STATE 173538 ON OUR PRISONERS. WE DON'T HAVE ANY REAL FEEL YET ON HOW THE AUTHORITIES WILL HANDLE THE PACKAGES ISSUE. IT MAY VERY WELL BE THAT THE EMBASSY'S PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WILL CONTINUE TO APPLY, BUT WE REPORTED WHAT THE SOVIET OFFICIALS TOLD US. RE OUR LAWYERS FEE ESTIMATES, THESE WERE CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATES FROM THE TOP OF OUR HEAD AND TAKE INTO ACCOUNT INFLATION WE HAVE EXPERIENCED IN SOVIET SERVICES TO US AS WELL AS OTHER FACTORS. WE'LL TRY TO GET A MORE AUTHORITATIVE FIGURE FOR YOU FROM THE THREE LAWYERS TENTATIVELY ASSIGNED TO THE CASE THE NEXT TIME WE MEET WITH THEM.

4. ALYNN NATHANSON WILL MEET AND ASSIST PAUL BROADBEN ON HIS ARRIVAL SUNDAY.

5. JACK GOSNELL, WHO ACCOMPANIED RAMUNDO ON SOME OR ALL OF HIS CALLS DURING JUNE VISIT, IS PRESENTLY ON LEAVE; HOWEVER, EGON IS NOT AWARE OF ANY COMMITMENT MADE TO SCST, INFORMAL OR OTHERWISE, AND WE ARE SURE THAT RAMUNDO MUST BE CONFUSED. WHEN PRESSED BY AYKAZYAN OR METALNIKOV OF SCST, GOSNELL AND LOBNER HAVE INFORMALLY ADVISED THAT EMBASSY HAS NO INFORMATION AS TO WHEN DECISION WILL BE MADE ON JOINT COMMITTEE SCHEDULING.

6. COULD SOMEONE PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH DR. JOSPEH CURRY, HEADMASTER, CUSHING ACADEMY, ASHBURNHAM, MASS., TO CONFIRM WHETHER HE RECEIVE CABLE I SENT HIM LAST WEEK. QUESTION TO BE RESOLVED IS WHETHER MARK BREMENT, WHO HAD SLIGHT PROBLEM LAST YEAR, WILL BE READMITTED THIS FALL, AS BOTH HE AND I STRONGLY DESIRE. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING ASAP BECAUSE IF MARK IS NOT READMITTED THEN SOME VERY QUICK REARRANGMENTS WILL HAVE TO BE MADE.

7. BEREZHKOV CALLED WEDENSDAY MORNING, JULY 14. HE SAID HE WAS PLANNING TO BE IN WASHINGTON FOR A FEW DAYS BEGINNING JULY 16 AND WISHED TO CALL ON SOL POLANSKY AT THE DEPARTMENT AND VISIT WITH PERSONS WORKING ON EXCHANGES.
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